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COMMENT OF THE DAY

London Riots

RENEWED outbreaks of rioting between youths and coloured people in London and Nottingham will be received with some dismay. The British have been popular hosts to people from all over the world and have won wide commendation for their friendliness and readiness to make strangers welcome. Exceptions are always quoted to disprove general assertions of this kind and it must be said that from time to time there have been individual cases of coloured people being hurt either by inconsiderate action or by deliberate and undisguised prejudice.

But many have felt that even the relatively few "colour bar" incidents have been exaggerated and it is true to say that heretofore Britain's record bears comparison with any country in the world where people of many nationalities live together. Against this background the recent disturbances are all the more distressing.

There is, of course, no comparison between what is happening in Britain and the developments in South Africa and the Southern states of America. Much of the trouble has been caused by Teddy-Boy thugs, injected into this unstable and irresponsible element, aggravated in some cases by too much drink, are emotional factors.

Brooding Passions

In many cases single men from the West Indies have English girl friends and although this is a familiar enough sight in London nowadays, small incidents have been exaggerated out of all proportion by immature and narrow-minded young people, and brooding passions mixed with envy and hate have suddenly become inflamed. There are also suggestions that Fascist protagonists of a "Keep Britain White" policy are involved.

Whether severe penalties—which the Press have been calling for—will put a stop to the trouble is doubtful. Juvenile thuggery has been a headache to the Police and welfare authorities for many years. And the Nottingham outbreaks have proved infectious and there are fears that trouble may spread to other slum areas.

Meanwhile London and Nottingham thugs have hit the headlines all over the country and are being eagerly followed by television cameramen who do not want to miss out on the next incident. This publicity, far from discouraging them, is only giving the Teddy Boys something extra to swagger about. Their bullying behaviour is already a point of pride.

Advantages Too

PERHAPS wide publicity also has its advantages however. It is true to say there is a deeply ingrained repugnance among the British public towards racial discrimination and recent events may help to fortify this mood and make it aggressively felt in the community. The Teddy Boy gangs have been always ready to operate where Policemen are out of sight but perhaps the knowledge of a hostile public will have some deterrent effect. So far reports indicate that the only coloured people involved are West Indians. These are perhaps the best kept coloured racial element in Britain. People in Hongkong are known to have expressed concern about relatives now in London. At present there seems no cause at all for alarm and hypothetical fears of this kind are best not entertained. Chinese people are on the whole very popular in Britain and it would be wrong to take an alarmist view of the future.

CHARGE AGAINST BRITISH EMBASSY

Bagdad, Sept. 2. The military prosecutor in the Bagdad treason trials has claimed that the British Embassy here had been involved in financing the "subversive activities" of the former Iraqi regime.

At a late session of the court last night he read out a document in English signed with the name of Mr Richard Beaumont, Oriental Councillor at the Embassy until last November acknowledging receipt from the Iraqi Foreign Office of 20,000 dinars (£20,000) for remittance to President Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Mr Beaumont had agreed to act as intermediary and pass the money in cash through the diplomatic bag, Mr Reuter said. The prosecution did not cross-examine Maarie about the purpose of the transaction. The British Embassy in Bagdad today refused to comment on the alleged transaction, which was prominently reported in the Iraqi press.

DIES AFTER GUN BATTLE IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Sept. 2. One of the six British soldiers wounded today in a fierce barnyard gun-fight with Greek Cypriot Eoka terrorists at Liopeiri village, south of Famagusta, has since died in hospital, it was learned here.

All four Eoka men who took part in the incident died tonight. It was reported that one of the terrorists, believed to be 40-year-old Christos Samaras, was on the wanted list, with a price of £5,000 on his head.

ARMS HOARD

According to the latest available details, a platoon of British soldiers attacked the barn repeatedly following reports that it contained a large hoard of arms and explosives.

They came under heavy fire from Eoka men entrenched within. Two died on the spot. The British troops then poured petrol through a hole in the roof and set fire to the hayloft to force the remaining two gunmen out. They were shot down as they emerged from the burning building.

A donkey which strayed into the line of fire in the barnyard was also killed.—France-Press.

CPA Plane In Trouble

Singapore, Sept. 2. A Bangkok-bound Cathay Pacific airliner turned back with engine trouble over Malacca today.

The aircraft, a DC-6B with 25 people aboard, returned safely to Singapore with one engine feathered, and is expected to leave again tonight.—Reuter.

Children Die

Poznan, Sept. 2. Eleven children were killed and two injured when a wartime shell exploded in Poznan, about 50 miles north of Warsaw, it was announced here tonight.—Reuter.

All Reservoirs Overflowing Except Two

All the Colony's reservoirs, with the exception of two, were overflowing this morning. As long as this situation remains, a round-the-clock supply of water will be available in all areas, a spokesman of the Water Authority said today.

The spokesman emphasised, however, that the measure is purely temporary. He warned that the Colony must be prepared to revert to a reduced daily supply period at short notice.

BENEFITS PASSED ON

But whilst the reservoirs are overflowing, the benefits will be passed on to consumers. The two reservoirs not yet full are Tai Lam Chung and Pokfulam. The former is 3 feet 6 inches from the top. Total storage in all reservoirs this morning was 9,946 million gallons.

From midnight to noon today, the Royal Observatory recorded a fall of 0.55 inches of rain. The forecast for today is still more rain or showers.

Typhoon Grace is still churning towards Formosa from the latest reports. However Japanese weathermen predict the typhoon, with 200 mph gusts, will veer N between Formosa and Okinawa.

FASCIST INFLUENCE BEHIND RACE RIOTS?

London, Sept. 3.

Slogan shouting crowds marched through London's race hate district of Notting Hill last night as suspicions grew of Fascist influence behind three nights of blood and riots.

SAC Was Ready Says McElroy

Chicago, Sept. 2. Mr Neil McElroy, United States Defence Secretary, said today at the time of the recent Middle East crisis the Strategic Air Command was "ready to discourage any broad extension of possible conflict—fully cocked, loaded, serviced and ready to go."

Addressing the American Legion convention here, Mr McElroy said he had the fullest confidence that the United States "is ahead of the Soviet Union in overall military strength."

PREDICTED

Referring to critics of American defence policy who have predicted that Russia will pass the United States in the years ahead, the Defence Secretary said:

"I do not read such a future, however, and the President of the United States does not. We both have the utmost confidence that the United States has both the capability and the determination to keep a gap in overall comparative military strength from opening.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB BOWS TO MAYOR

Singapore, Sept. 2. The Royal Island Club, one of Singapore's two exclusive golf clubs, tonight agreed "in principle" with a suggestion by the left-wing Mayor of Singapore, Mr Ong Eng Guan, that the club should be thrown open to the public on one day a week.

Last June the City Council decided to take back 200 acres of land leased to the Club after the Club had refused to agree to open the grounds to the public each Sunday.

At a meeting tonight about 200 members of the club agreed with Chinese millionaire, Mr Jeko Wan. The who is head of the Club committee that the public should be allowed once a week on the course.

Mr Jeko who moved the motion to agree with the City Council said it was a practical measure which merely recognised the fact that the club were short-term tenants and that the council had the right to terminate the tenancy.—Reuter.

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES?

Long Beach, Sept. 2. Mrs Ethel L. Daubert lost her diamond-studded watch and advertised for it in a newspaper.

She received a call yesterday. The voice at the other end on the line sounded like a young boy's. He asked Mrs Daubert how much she intended to reward the finder of her watch.

"I thought about \$15," she said. There was a silence. Then the voice said, "I think I'll keep the watch." Mrs Daubert was cut off.—U.P.I.

COMMUNISTS BLOCKADE QUEMOYS

Taipei, Sept. 2. Nationalist China's bombarded Quemoy islands today are under an effective although partial Communist blockade.

Communist artillery and sea forces at the southern end of the Formosa Straits have succeeded in blocking some supply and troop movements to the islands.

CANADIANS WANT A-WEAPONS

Ottawa, Sept. 2. The Royal Canadian Air Force wants the Canadian Government to press the United States for atomic weapons, the Canadian Press reported today.

The Agency said that according to informants the Air Force argued that it should be equipped with the most effective weapons available in the West, especially in as crucial a field as air defence.

The Canadian Government position was that it was not up to Canada to ask the United States to change its laws. Under the present American Atomic Energy Act, nuclear weapons cannot be supplied to foreign countries, allies or not.—Reuter.

Robot With A Future

Geneva, Sept. 2. A robot with stereo-television eyes and electrically-controlled hands—eight feet six inches tall and just over a ton in weight—is starting visitors to America's stand in the 20-nation "Atoms for Peace" trade fair here.

He is a "slave" with a future—to do a job no man could live through: making running repairs to large radioactive equipment.—Reuter.

Man To Land On Moon In A Decade: Braun

Hamburg, Sept. 2. Dr Werner von Braun, the rocket expert, said in a television broadcast here tonight he believed man would reach the moon. Within the next five years men will be able to travel too that within the next 10 to 15 years men will have landed on the moon, he said.

He said he did not believe that the deadly belt of radiation, which encircles the earth at about 600 miles presented an insuperable barrier for future rocket journeys.

The radiation belt did not exist over the Poles, he said. Once space journeys were possible to a height of about 250 miles it would be possible to send further projectiles from the area over the North and South Poles.—Reuter.

UK EMBASSY STONED IN ICELAND

Reykjavik, Sept. 2. Stones flung from among a crowd of more than 1,000 people shattered windows at the British Ambassador's residence in Reykjavik tonight as tension over the fishing limits dispute mounted in the Icelandic capital.

Smoke from pink flares which were exploded in the garden

drifted through the living room window as a staff party was taking place. The Ambassador's three children were taken to a first-floor bedroom as a precaution.

The stone-throwing followed the gathering of crowds and the appearance of about a dozen youngsters carrying placards on which was written: "Down with the British poachers."

Several uniformed and plain-clothes police officers stood by and after the stone-throwing could be seen from the Embassy making arrests.

New Note

Earlier, the Ambassador, Mr Andrew Gillchrist, had called at the Icelandic Foreign Office to receive what an Icelandic Government communiqué described as a "stern protest" to Britain about the events of the morning.

The reaction of people in Reykjavik was reported to range from "shocked disbelief to fury."—Reuter.

The Tunnel Of Love?

Geneva, Sept. 2. Britain has an atomic exhibit labelled "Tunnel of Love" on show at the 20-nation "Atoms for Peace" exhibition here.

But courting couples have found it disappointing and unromantic.

It is the inside of a model nuclear reactor to come into operation at the Hunterston power station, near Glasgow in 1961.—Reuter.

TAIWAN: FRONT-LINE OF AMERICAN DEFENCE

Chicago, Sept. 2. FORMER President Harry Truman declared today that Formosa was the front-line of United States defence and must be defended.

Mr Truman, who arrived here to attend the annual meeting of the American Legion which he will address tomorrow, added that it was up to the United States Government to decide how to meet Communist Chinese threats to seize the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Stating that the American 7th Fleet was in the Formosa area to prevent the island from being invaded, he said: "During my administration invading the Chinese mainland was not contemplated and I don't think it is now."—Reuter.

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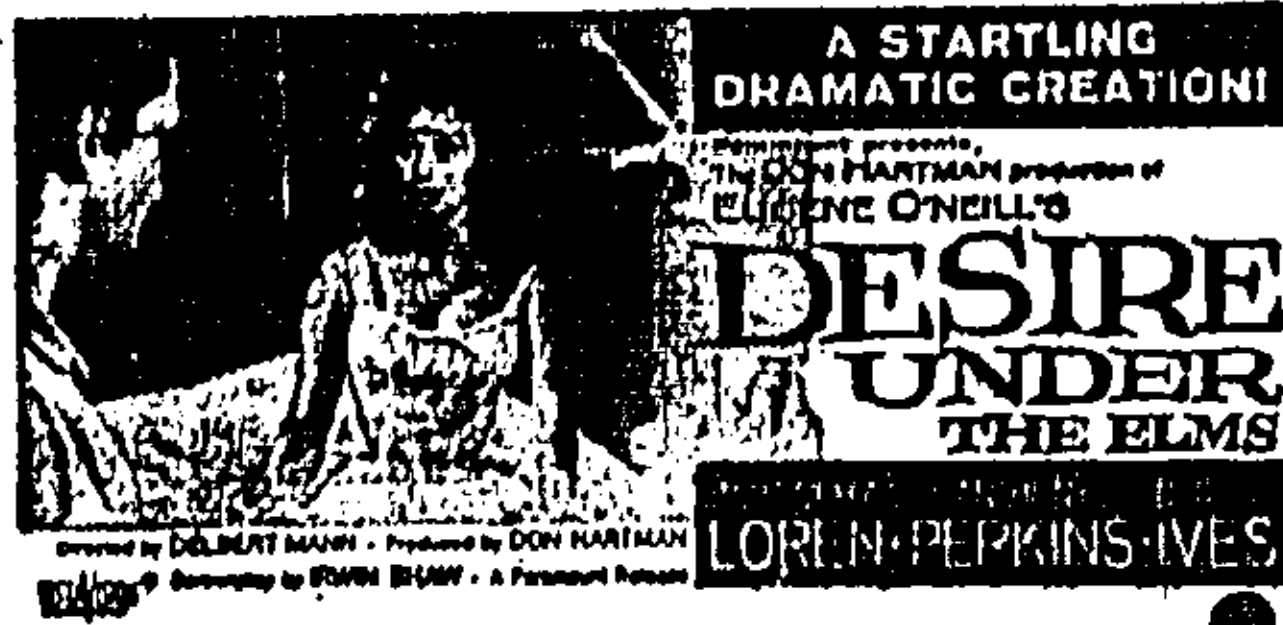
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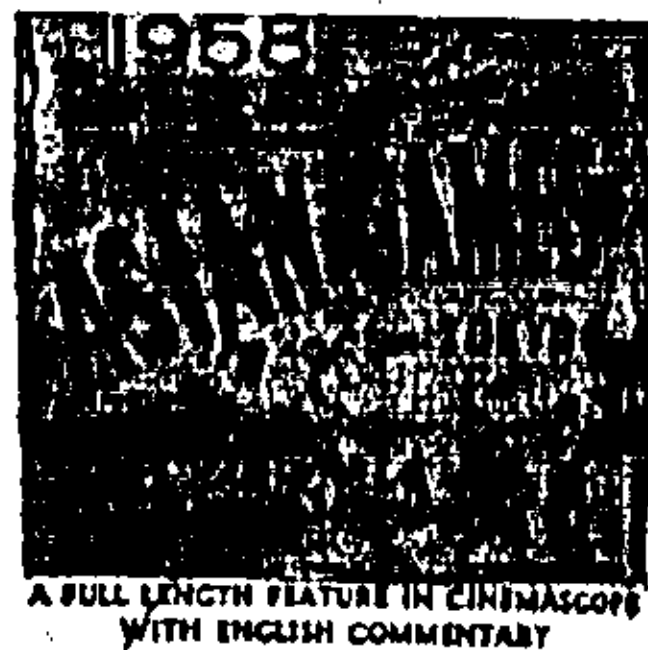
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Standing on one leg the German Chancellor watches the direction of his wood during the Italian game of "Boccia" while on vacation in Italy. Looking on is one of his private secretaries.—Keystone.

Lady Eden Meets Her Daughter's Ischia Engineer

Ischia Island, Southern Italy, Sept. 2. Lady Eden, sister-in-law of the former British Prime Minister, arrived here today for the wedding next Sunday of her 25-year-old daughter, Amelia Mary, to an Italian ferry-boat mechanic, Giovanni Borelli.

Miss Eden met her mother at Naples airport and all three crossed the Gulf of Naples in the steamer Mergellina. Mr. Borelli (27), was on duty in the engine room, and went on deck occasionally to chat with his future bride and her mother.

The Edens went shopping in preparation for the wedding before driving to Casamicciola on the north coast of the island where the Borelli family live and where the wedding will take place.

Giovanni has four sisters and two brothers. His father, a building worker, planned the cottage facing Mount Epomeo, famed for its vineyard—where the young couple will live.

Miss Eden's father is Sir Timothy Eden, brother of Sir Anthony Eden.—China Mail Special.

Raindrops Could Kill

At 2,000mph

Glasgow, Sept. 2. If an aircraft met a rain storm at 2,000 miles an hour, the chances were the plane would turn to putty or shatter like glass, a Cambridge University physicist told scientists here today.

Dr F. P. Bowden spoke to the British Association for the Advancement of Science about experiments to see how solids were deformed when struck by liquid at that speed. "It is found that the hardest metal will flow like putty and non-metallic solids are cracked and shattered like glass," he said.

"In travelling through the air at high speeds some new and awkward difficulties arise, one of them, rather an odd one, is caused by raindrops.

"The leading edges and in particular the plastic radomes that form the nose of modern aircraft, can be damaged by collision with a rain-drop.

"This is not serious at ordinary speeds; but the damage increases as the speed goes up and at 800 miles an hour it is marked. But this speed is nothing for our future aircraft."

Dr Bowden concluded: "It is clear that our present day fast travel can lead us into difficulties: if we wish to go hurtling round the earth at a few thousand miles an hour we must learn more about the way solids slide, bend and break at very high speeds."—China Mail Special.

Ulster Border Battle

Belfast, Sept. 2. Police and Irish Republican Army terrorists fought a gun battle early today at Middletown, County Armagh, close to the border with Republican Ireland.

Gunmen using heavy machine guns and light automatics opened fire on Middleton police station from the shelter of a bridge crossing the border, it was reported here.

Police replied and eventually drove them off leaving behind more than 70 sticks of gelignite.

Two mines planted on the bridge were dismantled.

The police station was heavily marked with bullet holes, —China Mail Special.

The Man Of The Future May Be

SMALL

Spaceman

Glasgow, Sept. 2. The man who journeys into space in an orbital satellite will be a test pilot, small and not too heavy, and probably a professional parachutist too, scientists were told here today.

It may not be the popular conception of a superman who would make the journey, Air Commodore W. K. Stewart, commander of the Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine, said.

He told the British Association for the Advancement of Science

that if the task was merely to remain conscious throughout and to cope with any probable emergency, he could be a professional parachutist.

If it was desired to make use of his central nerve system, the occupant must be some sort of test pilot. There might also be a demand for the sort of personality that went with an adventurer.—Reuter.

Criminal

Glasgow, Sept. 2. A survey of juvenile delinquents in Glasgow has shown that a bigger proportion of small boys

are involved in crime than tall boys, a professor of public health said here today.

Professor T. Ferguson told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that delinquency was common among boys stunted in stature, but it was difficult to know how much was due to shortness of stature as such, and how much to poor environment which often accompanied lack of height.

Professor Ferguson said: "Even among those living in good homes the proportion of small boys convicted was appreciably higher than that of taller boys in similar homes."—China Mail Special.

NORTHERN FOAM TELLS THE TALE

OF BOARDING BY ICELANDERS

Grimaby, Sept. 2.

Skipper J. Crockwell of the Northern Foam told his own story tonight of the early morning boarding of his trawler by crewmen from two Icelandic gunboats. The Northern Foam was fishing about eight miles East-South-East of Hornsness when officers and men from two Icelandic gunboats Thor and Maria Julia boarded her.

In a wireless message to the trawler's owners the 36-year-old Newfoundland-born skipper said:

"Two officers and two ratings stood each side of me while I hauled my gear and then took charge of my vessel.

"They ordered me to give them secret documents and to go on board the Thor, both of which I refused.

"They then held me while they rang the engines full ahead.

"I shouted to my mate to tell the chief engineer to stop the engines until further orders from me.

"Then the officers and men came to my assistance from H.M.S. Eastbourne and eventually removed the Icelanders by force" the radio message said.—Reuter.

Mass Riot Hearings In London Criminal Courts

London, Sept. 2.

Forty-one men and two women appeared in courts in adjoining districts of London today following recent racial disturbances in the Notting Hill area.

Charges included allegations of insulting behaviour, obstructing the police, threatening behaviour and possessing offensive weapons.

In the west London magistrates court where 27 men—12 coloured—and one woman appeared, weapons including a hatchet, a chopper, a razor, cycle chains and knives, were produced as evidence.

After a boy had been remanded to juvenile court and the woman was fined three pounds for insulting behaviour, the magistrate remanded all the 26 cases until September 9. Thirteen were allowed bail and the rest were held in custody.

The magistrate said, "I will have to borrow a court. This court is not big enough."

Police reinforcements were brought in to guard the court and keep moving a large crowd of white and coloured people gathered in the street outside.

After dealing with the cases the magistrate said he had hoped that by now "some civic, spiritual or industrial or political leader of great influence in this neighbourhood would have had an opportunity to say something to assist the restoration of decent life there (Notting Hill)."

As they had not done so he himself appealed to people of goodwill in the area to stay indoors from the early evening for a day or so and to try to keep their young people indoors during that time.

In the adjoining court of Merylbone another 14 men—

seven coloured—and one woman appeared on similar charges connected with last night's trouble.

A coloured night club singer was sent to jail for two months for having an offensive weapon—an open razor—and another coloured man was remanded until next Tuesday after a witness said he saw him stab a white man twice in the back with a knife.

A third coloured man, charged with having an offensive weapon, was remanded in custody for a week after police said he was seen shouting abuse and waving an open razor at a crowd of white people.

Of the rest three men were fined for having offensive weapons and eight men and the woman were remanded for a week.—Reuter.

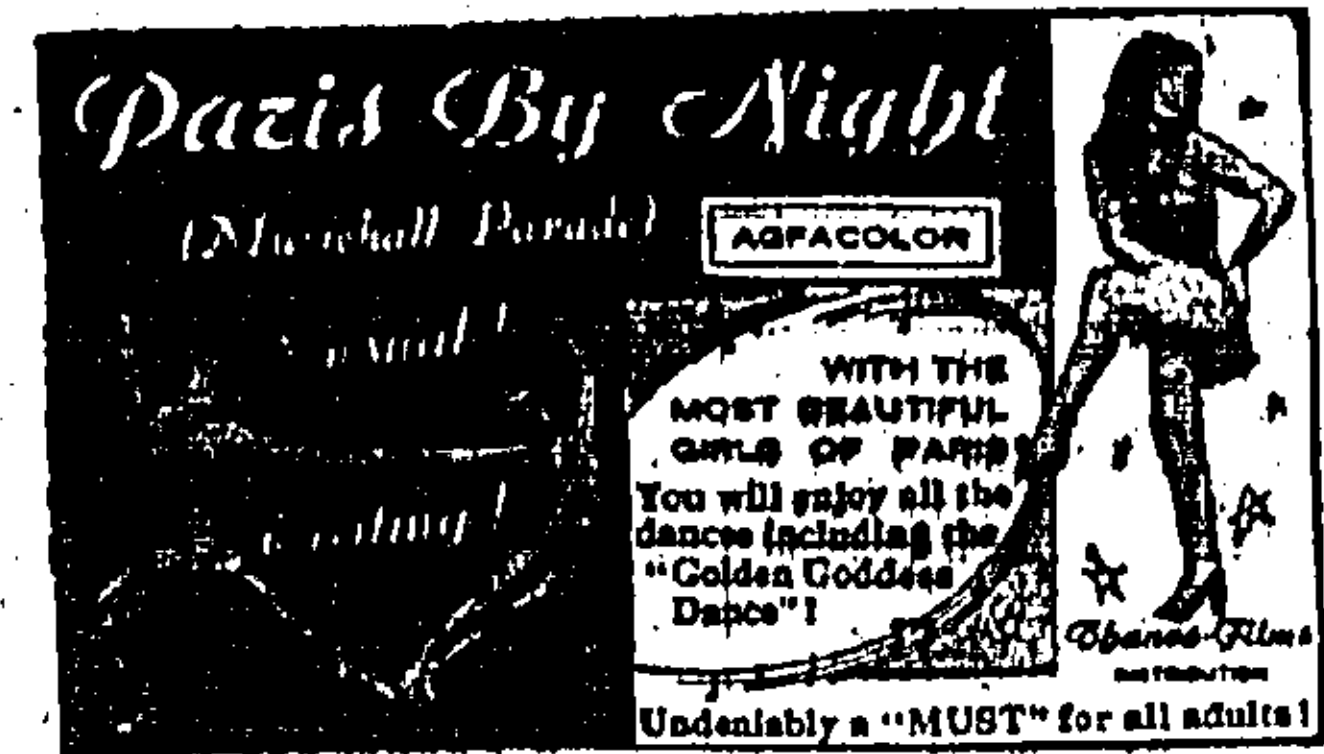
Providence, Rhode Island, Sept. 2.

Alger Hiss, the former State Department official who served a prison sentence for perjury at his trial on charges of alleged Communist activities, is to give television lectures on Communism it was announced today.

Hiss will give his lectures in a course on the History and Philosophy of Communism sponsored by the Roman Catholic Providence College over a local television station.

Other lectures will be given by Mr Boris Krylov, Minister for Culture Affairs at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.—Reuter.

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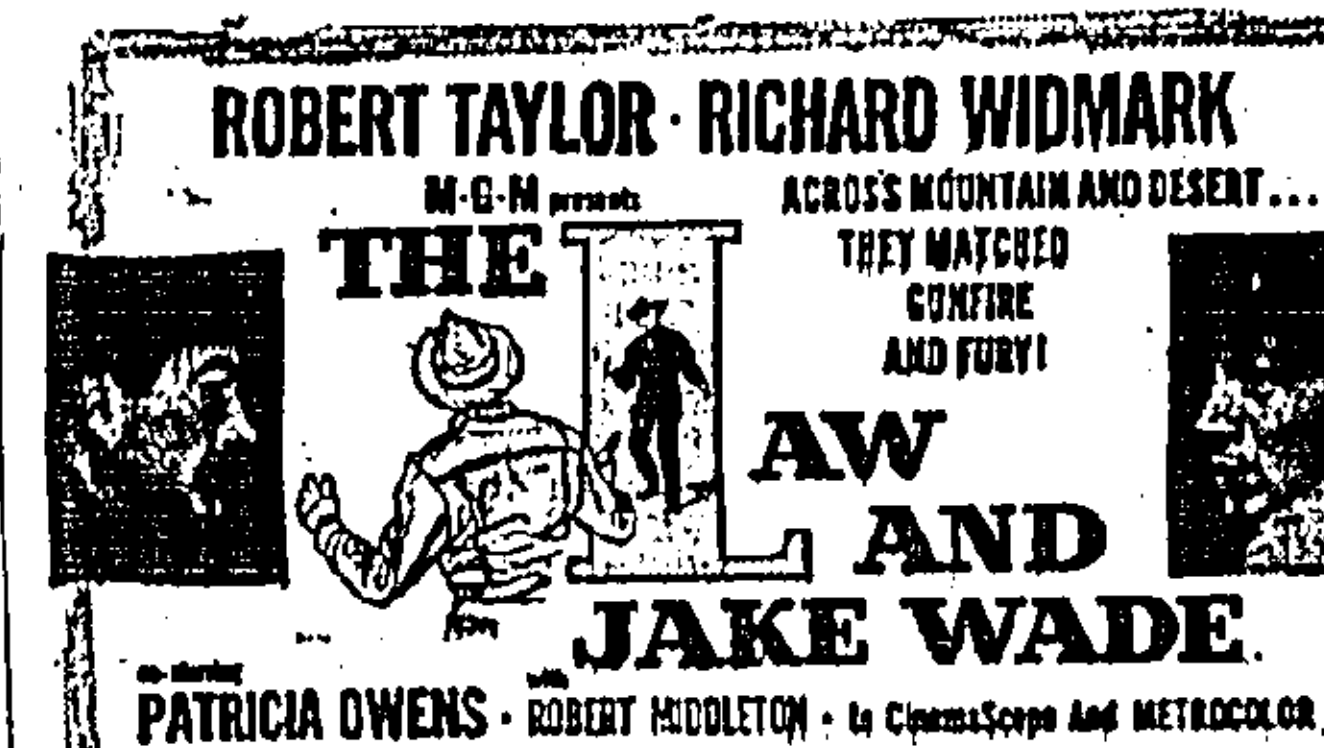
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PEOPLE in the news

A Weekly China Mail Feature

She Was "Sold For Silver"



And Tells The Tale

In a high-necked dress of dark green and embroidered jacket, Chinese-born Miss Janet Lim Chiu-mei (the name means "Autumn Beauty") smiles a greeting on her arrival at Tibury in the P. & O. liner Strathmore.

Janet, 35-year-old Matron of a children's hospital in Singapore, has gone to Britain for the publication next month of her book "Sold for Silver."

It tells how she was sold to a Singapore merchant at the age of eight and how she escaped to be brought up in a mission school and eventually to train as a nurse.

During the war, Janet was a passenger in a ship sunk in a Japanese air attack and she spent hours in the water.

Subsequently, she spent three years in Japanese hands before being able to return to Singapore.—Reuterphoto.

Albert Made A FORTUNE For Someone Else

By EDWARD CORING

EVERYBODY knows Albert Wilkinson. Not by name and not by sight, but certainly by ear. For Albert, although he had not realised it until I told him, is a national institution.

He was running his own painting and decorating business in St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire, when a job turned up which led to the broadcasting of Albert's philosophy to a wider world.

Another Albert, who was doing very nicely in the meat and sausage trade, called him in to redecorate his house.

As Albert the decorator surveyed it, the conversation (according to Albert the meat merchant) went something like this:

Have you brought it? Yes, Why?

A pity. The whole place is sinking.

Sinking?

At said sinking. Built on sand. You see this wall? That'll have to come out for a start. And another thing. Look at these stairs. Have you ever had an accident there?

Er—no.

You will have. Whoever did this job didn't know his job. I'll tell you.

Quite right, monkey. The other Albert was Al Read.

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DAVID (I hit him I hit him I hit him again) AND THE BULLOCK

By JACK CROSSLEY

DAVID met Goliath again the other day—in a playing field at Slyfield Green, in Surrey.

But this time Goliath was a 1200lb. bullock which charged through two barbed wire fences and terrorised 10 children.

And David was the 43lb. four-year-old who, like his namesake in the Bible, refused to give ground.

But he can tell his own story much better than I can. . . . We were on the swings next to my house. Me and my pals. Then a big black bull came through the hedge and started running about.

He was making a funny grunting noise. There was a stick on the ground; and I grabbed it and hit him. The other kids ran away.

The bull just stood still when I hit him again.

Then he ran back in the field, and I went home and told mum it was all right for the kids to play in the field again.

SO TOUGH

Sounds simple when a four-year-old puts it like that. . . . But then David Butler is tough for his age.

He leads his own gang in the village, and the kids of Old Farm Road call him Davy Crockett.

Tucking a green check cowboy shirt back inside his pants, he produced a knobby fist, nicked "This," he said proudly, "is what I hit him with. I tried to find a bigger one."

His three-year-old brother Nigel, and 15 other playmates had screaming from the field as Goliath charged towards the see-saws and swings.

Mrs. Eileen Ringer ran out from a house nearby to save her children, Roy, four, and Jill, two.

But Goliath had stopped in his tracks when he found young David barring his path.

SO PLUCKY

Now Goliath's days were numbered. He is grazing again not far from the Guildford abbey.

Said David's mother, 24-year-old Mrs. Janette Butler: "It's terrifying to think of bullocks carrying around in a play-ground."

"But it's just like my boy. He doesn't seem scared of anything."

David was rewarded for his pluck with as many choc ices as he could eat.

And as he washed his sticky face before going to bed he told me with a grin:

"I wasn't frightened. I hit cows."

COLLECTION RISK

A friend hit Sergeant Vicente Gibano's car off when the sergeant tried to collect a debt.

A Philippine News Service report said the friend owed Gibano some money—less than four shillings sterling. When Gibano asked him for it, he bit his left ear off.—People Special.

Royal Shopping

Charles... 1s 6d

Anne... 9s 11d

Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

The nine-year-old Prince of Wales bought a water pistol on a surprise shopping tour of this coastal town.

The prince came to town with Princess Anne, from the Queen's country home at Sandringham, where both were staying with the Queen Mother.

The pair spent half an hour in a bookshop before going into the toy department where the prince bought his 1/6d. water pistol and Princess Anne bought a 9/11d. hand-weaving set and a reel of sticky tape.

Both paid with £1 notes.—People Special.



DAVID BUTLER 'I wasn't scared'

Postman's Knock Upsets A Surrey Village

London.

A POSTMAN'S knock has upset a village. The village is Ockham, population 500. The upset came in a letter which said: "The Earl of Lytton has reluctantly decided that it will be necessary to dispose of the whole of the estate."

The reason: death duties on happen. I don't suppose I the family estates on the death could compete with other bidders.

Next October the 500-acre estate is to be auctioned by Knight Frank and Rutley.

And the people of Ockham wonder what their future will be.

The Post Office, Hawthay Hotel, and even the village school, where there are 24 young children, will come under the hammer.

The teacher

Headmistress MISS W. A. WILBY has been there for 21 years and the school, with 40 years there as a teacher, and as he spoke today he pointed to tell Douglas pines on the horizon which he had planted.

He gets £1 a week pension from the estate and also his old age pension. His only son, Bruce, a mechanic, and his wife live with him. "I hope I shan't have to go," said Arthur.

Hopeful note

But a note of reassurance came from one prominent member of the little community, who said: "Most of the villagers have nothing to worry about. Their tenancies are still controlled by the Act of Parliament."

And the 35 farmers on the estate need not worry either. Their rents may be raised by agreement or arbitration—but it is exceedingly difficult to turn out an efficient tenant-farmer these days.—People Special.

The poet's son

CAPTAIN FRANCIS NEWBOLT, son of poet Sir Henry Newbolt, is another old resident. A former civil servant, he has been the tenant of his secluded house for 20 years.

"The lease expired last March," he said. "We tried to negotiate for a new lease, but were told that owing to Lady Wentworth's death nothing could be done. We got notice to quit next October, but have been given an extension until March 1959."

"But if I go to the auction goodness knows what will happen."

Is This Serious ... Or Who's Kidding Who?

Chicago.

A ban on students wearing "Elvis Presley" plastic identity tags to class caused a dozen girls to walk out of the Jones Commercial High School here and form a picket line outside with hastily scribbled signs proclaiming the school "unfair to Elvis."

The tags bear Presley's army serial number. The rock 'n' roll singer is at present doing his national service training.

The school director, Mr. Clarence Carey, said:

"We don't want to be a party to any Elvis Presley emotionalism. We're trying to teach these youngsters to develop poise."

—People Special.

But, Says Mr. Reece, I Already Have A Moustache

By EDWARD CORING

A TICKLISH problem faced Brian Reece as he was preparing to take over from Ian Carmichael in the London stage-hit *The Turn of the Screw* at Her Majesty's.

In one scene he must wear a slight disguise. Clean-shaven Carmichael used to don a false moustache. At the last minute the producers suddenly realised that Reece already had a real one.

An he didn't want to part with it just so that he could put a false one on in Act III.

Said Reece, of ex-P.C. 40 fame: "I prefer to keep it. The public has come to know me with a moustache, and my agent says I have a stupid face without it."

So he decided to wear a false beard instead.

OUT OF TOUCH

Paris. Marcel Bichery, aged 47, an escapee from prison, was arrested by police at Juvilly-sur-Orge, near here, because he was riding his bicycle on the road and not on a special path reserved for bicycles.

Taken back to prison, he asked for a copy of the road laws.

"They've been changing them while I was in prison," he explained.—People Special.

LA LOLLO CAUGHT IN TAX PROBE

Rome. FILM star Gina Lollobrigida and Prince Filippo Orsini, friend of actress Helina Lee, are reported to be at the top of a secret list drawn up by Italy's new Finance Minister, Luigi Preti, for his "Operation Broom."

He plans to make a clean sweep of movie and cafe society people he suspects are not being taxed as they should. Tax sleuths are to go into the budgets of film stars, high-living aristocrats, business men, and playboys on Preti's list.

How do you get on the list? Explained a tax man:

"If a film queen admits in her return to an income of, say, 30,000,000 lire (£17,300) and then is imprudent enough to sue a producer for double that as an advance on her fees for making one film, her entire tax situation will be reviewed."

—People Special.

Mae West (SHE'S 66 NOW)



Will Cheer The Lonely Hearts

From RONALD SINGLETON

New York. MAE WEST, the sultry star of the 'thirties, who has never admitted having a love problem, is all set to go on TV, giving advice to the love-lorn.

She lay on the beach at Santa Monica, California, surrounded by handsome men, and said: "Doll, they need me. They need my positive thinking."

"I shan't be vulgar. I'll make fun of vulgarity. We'll take sex out in the open and maybe laugh at it."

"I'm in puffed shape."

Then 66-year-old Mae, who is writing an autobiography, to be called "The Queen of Sex," gave this sample of how she would deal with viewers' questions:

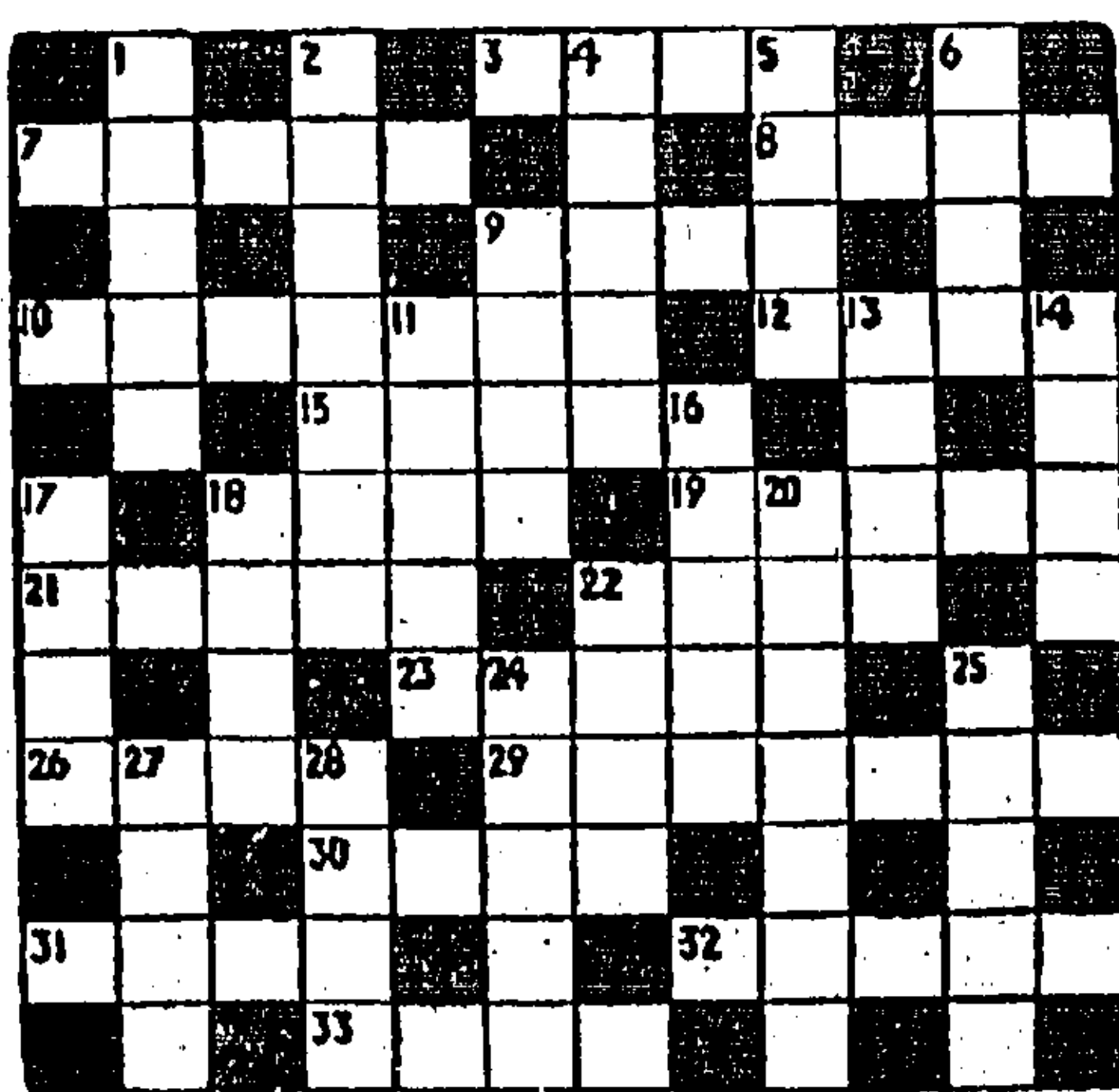
Q. How do you keep in perfect shape so you'll get a guy, Miss West?

A. Doll, no negative thing, and watch what you eat. Eat plenty of meat, avoid pastry, don't drink, don't smoke — never did — live the good life, chew food thoroughly, and walk up and down the hills.

And use barbells. Then you'll never get fat.

—People Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Slope (4).
- 7 Many a river is, at its mouth (5).
- 8 Leave theatrically (4).
- 9 Waxy creature? (4).
- 10 Givel Nos? (7).
- 12 Uninteresting living accommodation? (4).
- 13 Just live! (5).
- 18 Smart remark (4).
- 19 Black bird (5).
- 21 Surly rustic (5).
- 22 Carry on alarmingly (4).
- 23 Girl starts to dodge (6).
- 24 What comes of using deterrents? (4).
- 29 Dry barometer (7).
- 30 Dismantled ship (4).
- 31 Sort of traveller's permit (4).
- 32 Encourage one to get breakfast going? (5, 2).
- 33 Married officer at sea? (4).

DOWN

- 1 Rows in the ranks? (5).
- 2 Two-headed rubber? (7).
- 4 Helps unwisely (5).
- 5 Money in the chapel: fund (4).
- 6 Where, in Italy, all is not upright (4).
- 9 A cut to bank on? (4).
- 11 He's not at home (5).
- 12 It's nothing my pet! (4).
- 14 River in the City news (4).
- 16 Truffle (5).
- 17 Cracker-jacks? (4).
- 18 20/- tobacco (4).
- 20 Means of interest to cricketers? (7).
- 22 Coarse (4).
- 24 Gent's gent! (5).
- 25 Just a little bit off course, as it were (5).
- 27 One of the military? (4).
- 28 This rock grows (4).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Off-set, 7 Egg, 9 Sleep, 10 Numb, 11 Prop, 18 Determined, 19 Camp, 20 Ash, 21 Administer, 22 Fire, 24 Nasty, 25 Sunny, 26 Dile, 27 Skewer, 28 War, 29 Fleet, 30 Super, 4 T-Ann-In, 5 Respects, 6 Vale, 8 Girdle, 12 Piper, 13 Drake, 14 Evidence, 17 Tares, 18 Misses, 20 Janus, 21 Tinge, 23 Iris.

Gina Lollobrigida

THIS IS WHAT I FOUND IN THIS IRON CURTAIN LAND

Russian jet fighters join
mass manoeuvresThe bishop who
reads PravdaThousands hauled off
to slave camps

RED SECRETS From inside

I probe
Albania

From SYDNEY SMITH: Rijeka, Yugoslavia.

TODAY I send you this news-despatch on the secrets of Albania, Russia's spearhead country looking into the Mediterranean—and I am the first staff reporter of any British newspaper to have probed this land of Iron Curtain secrets for 10 years.

This is what I found:—

- About 100 Russian jet fighters and squadrons of twin-jet fighter bombers, with Albanian pilots, have joined Soviet submarines, escort craft, torpedo boats,

and minelayers, in manoeuvres staged 80 miles from Nato's radar network at Brindisi in Italy.

- The Soviet fist is clenched more tightly than ever on Albania, the Krem-

lin's prize strategic base facing Nato's southern flank.

- Albania is a virtual concentration camp for all its 1,400,000 people and inside it there are 50,000 slave workers. A similar number have disappeared in the past 13 years.

- In a lakeside hotel at Pogradetz, two miles from the Yugoslav frontier, I met the Greek Orthodox Bishop of Argyrocastro, a splendid soldierly figure with a long black beard. He was on holiday and playing cards with the locals.

There was a copy of Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, in the bishop's lap. You CAN

be a bishop and stay free in Albania today if you know how.

Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia has no illusions about how the Albanians hate him. As I steamed up the Adriatic in a stuffy, ill-smelling Yugoslav steamer, news of the Soviet-Albanian manoeuvres was just beginning to creep along the coast.

Tito's warships watch

We ran smack into some ships of Tito's navy, billowing black smoke and zig-zagging around a strange-looking landing craft. Tito is on the look-out for trouble from Soviet-dominated Albania.

I learned that the Russian-led Albanian manoeuvres lasted 10 days and were the biggest demonstration the Soviet has yet made on her Mediterranean front.



In an attempt to keep these exercises secret the Albanians closed the southern third of their country from Korea in the east to Valona on the coast—where the Russians have landed rocket-launching equipment—and south to the Greek frontier. About 3,000 square miles in all.

I bumped into this closed zone as I travelled in a Russian-built bus 60 miles north of Valona.

The bus, a Zil from the Lika-achev factory in Moscow, stopped outside the small town of Lushnie and armed police in blue, Russian-made uniforms said a few curt words to the driver.

Ahead of us police were turning back other buses, heavy Czech and Russian-built collective-farm lorries and even light, horse-drawn traffic.

"A bridge has fallen down," said my interpreter in French. "We must go back." This was odd because we had met several collapsed bridges already and had by-passed them by swinging off the road and driving through dry river-beds or fields with no trouble at all.

"Why did the bridge collapse?" I asked. A shrug by the interpreter. "It just collapsed. It will take some days to repair. We shall not be able to go further south."

Back in the capital, Tirana, I had proof that Albania is truly the last stronghold of Stalinism.

At that lakeside tourist hotel in Pogradetz, where I met the bishop who reads Pravda, I went for an innocent row on the lake in a gaily painted little dinghy.

As I sailed back slowly in the evening I collected two Albanian soldiers rowing a cork-screw course roughly in my direction. They were shouting.

Locked up

Five minutes later they were not only shouting but waving a gun at me. I had oversteered the time and the Yugoslav border was only two miles away.

I was shepherded back at gunpoint and told this was to protect me from the Yugoslav sentries who shoot over the border at dusk.

My boat, and all the others, including the fishermen's craft in the area, went into a barred wire pen at night under armed guard.

Because Albania is a prison camp for Albanians, all boats on all the three main lakes kept by the Yugoslav border are cut by the army at night.

In Tirana the suspect or the foreigner is followed more discreetly than on Pogradetz lake.

Travelling is done from a series of screened telephone booths, some behind the front doors of houses, some behind the big double doors of pleasant-looking gardens.

Secret visits

It is impossible to visit any house, hotel or cafe without the local watchpost reporting you in.

The hand of the Kremlin is firm on the Ministries of Tirana... but most Albanians never

Each Albanian Ministry has a Russian advisor, at ministerial level.

The Russians keep to themselves and the strict orders from Moscow are that Albania must be left to feel a sovereign independent country.

The regular visits to Moscow of the 50-year-old First Secretary of the Communist Party, Enver Hodja—Albania's Khrushchev—are not usually revealed to the Albanians.

He returned only last week after more than a month in Moscow and a long spell of medical treatment at Karlsbad in Czechoslovakia. He is suffering from chronic malaria fever.

When Hodja is away, public attention is more concentrated on Prime Minister Mehmet Shehu, a vigorous, outspoken ex-parliament leader whose chief hatred is Marshal Tito and Yugoslavia.

Guns ready

There was one grim and final illustration of the Iron Curtain grip on Albania as I crossed the frontier into Tito's country.

The Russian-built Albanian bus had to turn round. The only way to do this was to pass under the barrier on the Albanian side and use a wide space in neutral no-man's-land, 50 yards from the nearest Yugoslav guard.

As the bus moved into this area an Albanian army officer with a revolver hopped in beside the driver and an Albanian soldier climbed off the safety catch of his Russian burp-gun (shades of Korea!) and moved in front of the bus.

But the revolver and the burp-gun were not pointed at the Yugoslav sentry, leaning at ease against his frontier post.

They were both pointed at the driver of the Albanian bus.

Even with only 50 yards to go to freedom... he would not have made it. And he did not try.

ALL IN A DOCTOR'S DAY by CEDRIC CARNE

Has your holiday
done you good?

THERE are those who come back from a holiday healthier for the break. They whistle into the office, slamming doors energetically and talk that little bit louder, laugh just a little more often. There are those whom the holiday has seemed to undermine. They sit at their desks listlessly. The telephone seems too heavy for them even to lift.

Mr Miller had just returned from his holidays. But you would have thought that he'd just had bed and breakfast in hell.

"The holiday made me worse," he grumbled. "Since I've come back I've got spots in front of my eyes and I also seem to get short of breath."

This time of the year many patients of mine turn up with post-holiday blues. Naturally they don't complain of that. Instead they say: "I've suddenly lost my appetite," or "Since I've come back my head-aches have come back too." Or they complain of symptoms rather like those of Mr Miller.

THE REAL TROUBLE

Wrongly they associate their state of being run down with their holiday. They blame the weather. They blame the food. They blame the salt in the sea. Anything except the real trouble.

"And the real trouble is that they're not on holiday any longer," I said. Returned, they have to face facts. They have to face the extra work that's piled up. Having lost the habit of working for a while they rebel against "putting their backs into it" and the next thing is that they come into my surgery with symptoms.

"Granted that going back to work can be a bit of a shock," Mr Miller agreed, "but I don't quite see the connection between that particular post-holiday feeling and actual clinical symptoms."

Most people realise that certain feelings have to find an outlet. Anger into rage, rude words. Grief into tears. Bello up anger or grief or other kind of frustrations and tensions and the body can rebel. With a headache. With dizziness. With gastric discomfort after meals. With over as well as under eating.

ADDED BURDENS

In other words I was talking about stress. The stress and resentment of being involved in added difficulties at work, at having to get on with the boss and so on.

"A man who comes back to work with a bang following a holiday," I said to Mr Miller, "does so not merely because of the holiday but because he is on top of his job. The opposite applies to the man who returns to work with a whimper."

Of course, stress situation symptoms don't only occur following holidays. Some people become ill when certain events take place.

Recently I had a patient who developed abdominal cramps for no apparent reason. I kept her at home, in bed, and she became well in no time at all. But as soon as she went out into the streets the symptoms returned. It took some time to discover that her abdominal cramps began each time she passed a church.

The patient was reluctantly engaged to be married and the

church reminded her of her forthcoming wedding. Later when she broke off her engagement she could pass a cathedral without getting a single twinge.

NO NEED TO WORRY

"You mean my symptoms, like hers, are purely imaginary," Mr Miller objected. "I didn't mean that at all. The lady had real, vivid, agonising pains. They were not imaginary. Neither were the spots before Mr Miller's eyes or his shortness of breath."

Stress can produce symptoms as real as those caused by virulent germs or by poison. And such patients need as much

sympathy from their friends and doctors as, say, a man with pneumonia.

"I tell you all this, Mr Miller," I continued, "because there's no need to worry. Your symptoms are not the result of any frightful illness. Moreover they'll soon disappear."

Once he got back into the swing of his job, once he'd got on top of the accumulated chaos and chores resulting from his absence, like others he would be 100 per cent again.

"There are many like you," I said, "who need a holiday from work to get brown and then afterwards have to work that little extra to get back into the pink."

ROUND-UP

80 YEARS IN SAPPERS

MORE than 80 years' service in the Royal Engineers by father and son has come to an end with the retirement of Major William Shaw, District Surveyor, Home Counties District, Sharncliffe. Major Shaw joined the corps as a bugle boy in 1911. His pay was 6d. a week, less 1½d. for barrack damages. His father, Captain W. J. Shaw, was a member of the Royal Engineers for 35 years. Major Shaw has been responsible for War Department building schemes in Kent, Surrey and Sussex since he was posted to Sharncliffe in 1940.

MEETS OLD COMRADES

A FIRST World War general, now in his 89th year, and officers who served with him in France and Belgium 43 years ago met a number of old comrades at a recent Newcastle dinner. He is General Sir J. S. M. Shea, who commanded the 151st Infantry Brigade in the 50th Division from July, 1915, to May, 1916. His father, Captain W. J. Shaw, was a member of the Royal Engineers for 35 years. Major Shaw has been responsible for War Department building schemes in Kent, Surrey and Sussex since he was posted to Sharncliffe in 1940.

HOLIDAYS AFLOAT

MEN from offices and factories in the London area are spending their summer holidays keeping watch on the bridges of cargo-liners and small coasters. For anything up to three weeks they are serving as unpaid watchkeepers on ships bound for the Continent and around the British coast. This is how the Merchant Navy is helping train members of the Royal Naval Volunteer Supplementary Reserve, London Flotilla. About 150 members are making trips this summer with the assistance of about 20 shipping lines. The scheme has been growing rapidly and has become more important since the cuts in the Royal Navy. The London Flotilla has 800 members, all ex-officers.

ANCIENT CAT

HAS "Mammy," the black and white tabby owned by Mr and Mrs A. Jaffray, of Kintore, Aberdeenshire, set up a world record for long life? "Mammy" was 38 this month and, although toothless, she still enjoys a good meal. A member of the Aberdeen University Zoology Department said: "I have heard of a cat over 20 years old but certainly not over 30." An Aberdeen veterinary surgeon said 38 makes "Mammy" about 10 years older than the oldest cat he had ever heard of.

OLD HOMES

TWO farm workers' houses, nearly 2,000 years old, have been discovered at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, by Manshead Archaeological Society. They consist of earthen floors and clay walls. A woman's bronze bangle and man's bone net were found in one of the houses. An iron tanning fork and broken pottery were also found.

CHURCH LAUNCHES A DISCREET ORGANISATION TO
COUNTER THE RISING RATE OF 'MIXED' MARRIAGESRoman Catholics
set up a cut-
price wedding
bureau

by JOHN LAURIE

THE Roman Catholic Church has started a cut-price marriage bureau. It finds a bride for three guineas and a husband for two—against normal marriage bureau fees of about £20.

The marriage bureau is one of the ways the Roman Catholic Church is fighting what it considers to be an alarming rise in "mixed" marriages—marriages between Roman Catholics and non-Roman Catholics.

At present one in every three Roman Catholics who marry does so outside the faith. An international conference in America which discussed the problem was warned that the proportion will go on rising.

500 marriages so far

Just how many of the 70,000 marriages registered in British Catholic parishes are "mixed" is a closely kept secret. But a Church marriage expert told me the other day: "The rise is alarming because so little can be done about it."

"Our own marriage bureau was started to try to reduce it. We are discussing the best ways to operate it on a bigger scale."

The bureau—the Catholic Introductions Bureau—is run from a one-room office in West Dulwich by 38-year-old Mr D. C. Goldie.

Like its customers, it is shy. Said Mr Goldie: "We have not sought publicity. We do not want to be bothered by undesirable people."

More than 30 people each week answer its discreet notices in parish magazines and on church notice-boards.

Disappointed

"We have about 1,000 people who look at the notices," said Mr Goldie. "Most of them, about 70 per cent, are

women in their middle thirties looking for husbands in the professional classes—doctors, lawyers, and so on.

"We are disappointed at not being able to help more of them. The unfortunate thing is that most of the men we get are rather younger or altogether older, and more inclined to be of the labouring type."

"But people are very understanding and patient. There are very few complaints or letters asking for money back."

Couples do not meet until each has filled in a questionnaire and been vetted by Mr Goldie, who is married.

He sends the man a picture of the girl and asks if he would like to meet her," he said. "If he does I ask the girl what she thinks about it. They make their own arrangement after that."

Failures

What is the bureau's success rate? "Not quite 100 per cent," said Mr Goldie. "There have been three or four cases where it hasn't worked out."

"These were referred to the Church's own marriage guidance

council. But I don't know what happened after that."

The Church may consider extending the introduction service to the North of England and Scotland, where the problem of mixed marriages causes most concern. It is calculated that half the children and all the grandchildren of those marriages are being lost to the Roman Catholic Church.

ARTIE...

3 SHIRTS FOR \$1



Her dress and jewels by Lanvin-Cutolo, Paris; photographed at the Marigny Theatre; her watch by Rolex

Some women stand out, always...

...not for their beauty, though they may be beautiful; not for their clothes, though these are perfection, but for a certain indefinable air, their natural in-born elegance. When next you try to analyse that quiet distinction-beyond-price, study its elements one by one. Look, for instance, at the watch. You'll find a Rolex watch is the instinctive choice of the world's most elegant women.

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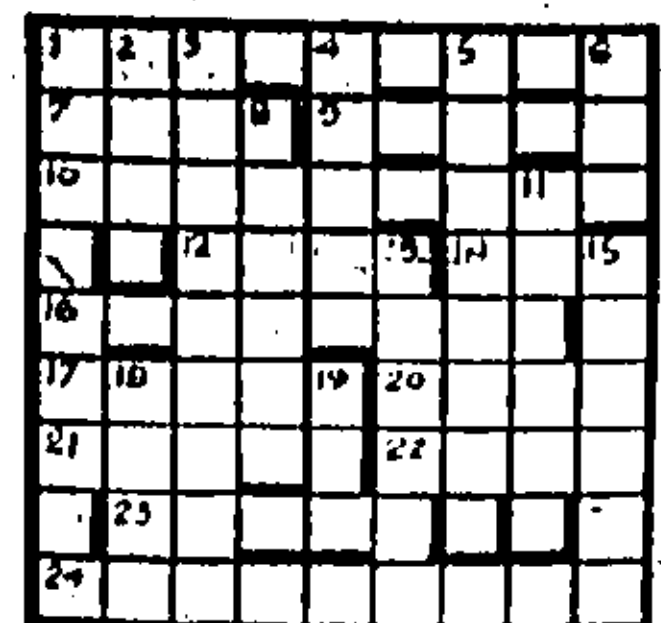
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Headache

Do not wait patiently for your suffering to end, take 1-2 tablets of CAFASPIN dissolved in half a glass of water, and headache will soon vanish

CAFASPIN

CROSSWORD



1. Nameless (4)
2. Part of speech (4)
3. Found in a blacksmith's workshop (5)
4. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.



HINTS FOR AFRICAN VIOLET FANCIERS

Minneapolis. \$2,050 to \$33,350 and the undivided profits account from \$500 to more than \$20,000 in her 22 years as president, said she feels women in general are better fitted for the banking field than men.

"Women are good with detail work," she explained. "And they're good with customers."

The "petticoat" banker's career started back in 1921, when faced with the necessity of making a living for her family she took the first job that came along. It was with the Lehigh National Bank. In May, 1927, she moved to Cook's First National as a bookkeeper and in 1935 became head of the institution.

Watering is very important. Always use water of room temperature. Keep the plant out of the direct sunlight when foliage is wet or the leaves might spot. It is a good idea to water from the top once every two weeks.

Coolidge, Okla. Mrs. First National of Coolidge stepped down recently and left the presidency of the First National Bank to another woman.

When Mrs. Lillian Briggs became honorary chairman of the board of directors, Mr. Carolyn E. Watson took over the helm of the all-woman staffed bank.

Mrs. Briggs, who helped the bank's surplus increase from

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

South Triumphs With Squeeze

By OSWALD JACOBY

EAST won the opening spade lead with the ace and shifted to the four of diamonds. South thumped the queen successfully and West signalled with the nine.

A club lead to dummy's ace and a club return gave South the lead in that suit and he played low so as to allow West to win the trick.

If the game had been rubber bridge there would be no story. Game could not be beaten and no one cares much about over-tricks in a rubber game. The game happened to be match

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| NORTH (D) 23 | |
| Q J 10 9 | A K 7 6 2 |
| 10 8 | A 3 2 |
| WEST | EAST |
| A K 8 6 4 3 | A 5 2 |
| 10 8 7 6 5 | J 10 5 3 |
| Q J 9 8 | K 7 5 4 2 |
| Q 10 5 | A 8 |
| SOUTH | |
| 7 | Q 4 |
| Q 8 6 | A J 9 7 6 4 |
| Both vulnerable | |
| North | East |
| 1 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass |
| 3 | Pass |
| 4 | Pass |
| Opening lead—A 4 | |

point duplicate and West had quite a problem. Should he cash his king of spades and give South a sure four odd or should he lead back a diamond and try to hold declarer to three.

West finally made the mistake of returning the Jack of diamonds at which point South spread his hand announcing, "Five odd on a squeeze."

South had been thinking while West was and had recognised a sure thing. East was marked with the king of diamonds. West with the king of spades. All he had to do was to run out his club suit retaining four hearts and a spade in dummy. On the last club West would have to go down to three hearts. If he had started with more and South would throw away dummy's last spade. This would put the squeeze on East. Since he would have to hold the king of diamonds.

Actually, East held the four hearts so he got squeezed, but it had not mattered to South. The squeeze was there in any event.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1. Pass 1. Pass
3. 2. Pass 3. 2. Pass
You, South, hold:
A 2 7 6 A Q 8 5 A K 4 3
What do you do?
A—Bid five clubs! This will ask your partner to bid six if he has any excuse.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold the same hand except for the ace of hearts in place of the seven spot. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE



At left: A fur wig, a high belt and T-strapped shoes are featured by Charles Creed in his winter collection recently shown in London.

It's Never Too Hot For Salads And Sandwiches

WHEN all is said and done, cream cheese and combine with salads and sandwiches are best on hot days when the family orders "just something light."

For example, tomatoes stuffed with a filling of shrimp and hard-cooked eggs, sliced olives and celery, make a delightful main dish that is both pretty to look at and nourishing.

To serve 6, buy a medium-sized tomato and cut a slice from the top of each. Scoop out pulp and reserve.

Drain and cut in halves 5-oz. can shrimp and combine with green olives, 1 c. mayonnaise, 1/4 c. celery, 1/4 tsp. salt and tomato pulp, mixing well.

Fill tomatoes with mixture. Chill. Sprinkle with paprika.

Sandwich Spread
Pimiento-stuffed green olives give a pleasing tang and flavour to a nice sandwich spread.

To prepare about 1 1/2 c. of spread, soften an 8-oz. pkg. bread slices.

Heartier Sandwich

For a heartier sandwich, spread French bread with an unusual mixture of chopped olives, lobster, pears and scallops.

To serve 4, buy 2 (15-in.) loaves. French bread cut in lengthwise

Combine and mix well, 1/2 c. chopped pimiento-stuffed green olives, a 5-oz. can lobster, drained and boned, 2 medium-sized pears that have been pared, cored and chopped, 1/2 c. sliced scallions and 1/4 c. mayonnaise.

Spread on bottom slices of bread and top with remaining spread, soften an 8-oz. pkg. bread slices.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Juices left over from canned fruits can be used instead of water or milk to give added flavour and nutrients to gelatin and puddings.

To filter or strain almost any liquid, place a wad of sterile absorbent cotton in a funnel and pour the liquid through. It will come out clear.

You can slice hard-cooked eggs without breaking the yolks by dipping the knife in warm water.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Most Important Thing

—Everybody Thought Of Something Different—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small Sized Wooden Indian, were sitting in a spot of sun under the window in their room.

For a moment or two, all three of the friends were silent. Then, suddenly, Teddy looked up and said: "Sunshine!"

The next moment, Knarf said: "Rain!"

A moment after that, Hiawatha said: "Cows!"

Looked Puzzled

It was at this point that Knarf, the Shadow Boy, came into the room. She looked very puzzled.

"Now what are you three talking about?" she asked, as she came in and sat down beside them. "What did you mean, Teddy, by saying 'sunshine' and what did you mean, Knarf, by saying 'rain'?"

Then she said, turning to Hiawatha: "What did you mean, Hiawatha, by saying 'cows'?" Knarf explained to his sister what he and Hiawatha and Teddy were talking about.

"We were talking about the most important thing in the world,"

"So I said 'sunshine,'" said Teddy. "Because sunshine makes everything grow."

Hiawatha replied: "I think you're right, Teddy."

"Nothing would grow 'He isn't right!' Knarf exclaimed. 'Rain is the most important thing in the world. Because if there wasn't any rain, nothing would grow even though there was lots of sunshine.'"

"Yes," agreed Hiawatha, after thinking about this. "I guess you're right, too, Knarf. There has to be rain else sunshine isn't much good. But why did you say 'cows', Hiawatha?"

"Cows are the most important things in the world," replied Hiawatha. "They give milk to everybody and they let you make butter and cheese and you can eat their meat and their skins make shoe leather."

Hiawatha thought to herself for several minutes.

Finally she said, "Cows are very important, Hiawatha, but I don't think they are as important as sunshine and rain."

Tin Spoke Up

Just then, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, who had been standing nearby listening to all that was being said, suddenly spoke up.

"I beg your pardon," he said to Knarf and Hiawatha and Teddy and Hiawatha. "I think the most important thing in the world is soil. Because if there were no soil, how would anything be able to grow? The sunshine would be no good. The rain would be no good. The cows would have nothing to eat."

Hiawatha said: "Yes, General Tin, I guess you're pretty right."

"I know I'm right," answered General Tin.

"I don't think so at all," said a voice from the rocking chair on the other side of the room. It was Mr. Punch.

Knarf, Hiawatha, Teddy, Hiawatha and General Tin all looked over at Mr. Punch.

"Would you like to know what I think is the most important thing in the world?"

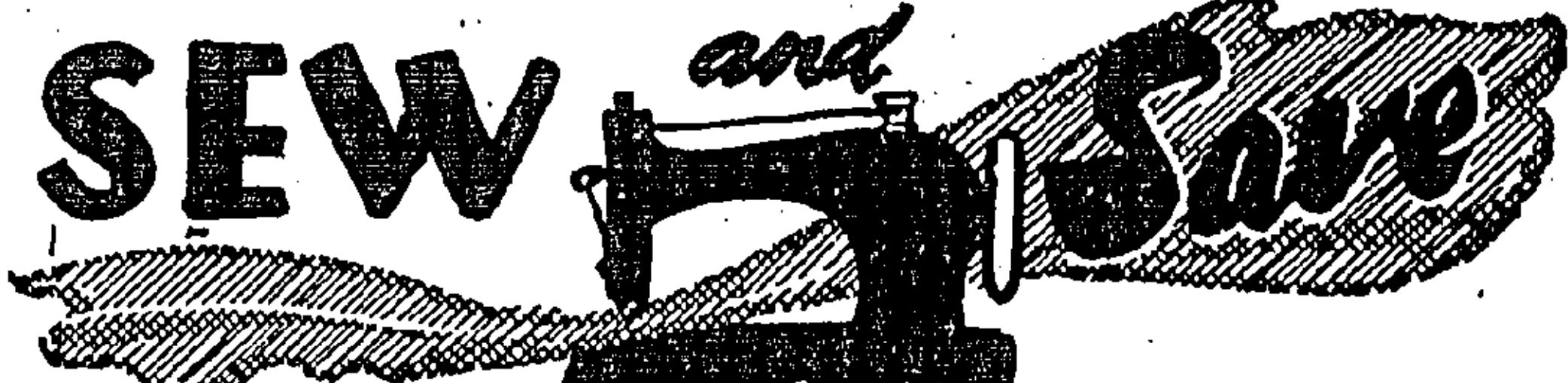
Everyone said that they would.

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "it's sunshine. It's something that the flowers and the plants must have. It's something that the cows can't do without."

"What is it?" everybody asked.

"Air," said Mr. Punch.

And everyone in the room agreed that Mr. Punch was certainly right, except that Knarf, Teddy, Hiawatha and General Tin all thought that the things they had said were the next most important things in the world.



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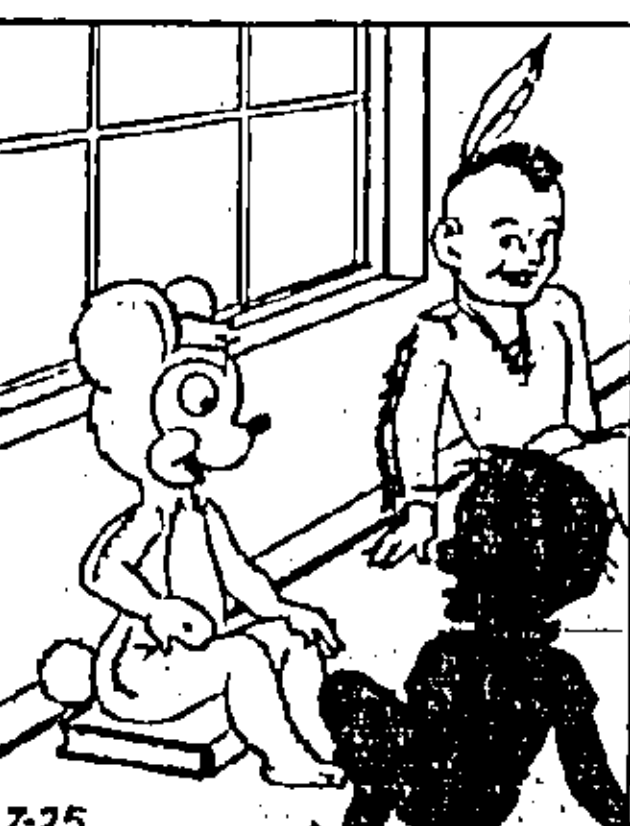
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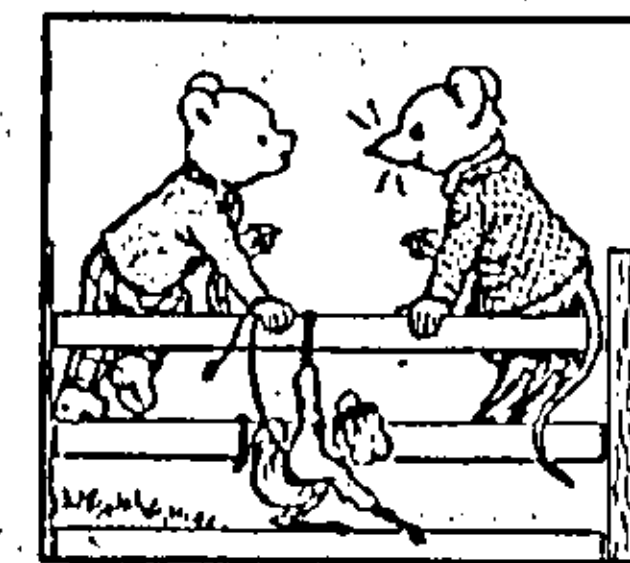


"I hate to disturb you, Fred, but I can't find the oil for the lawn mower!"



Knarf, Teddy and Hiawatha were sitting under a window.

Rupert and Floppity—40



Sitting on a fence to rest but keeping a firm hold on the restless monkey Rupert tells his pal everything that has happened since he took charge of Floppity. "You'd never think you'd found such an important dog, would you?" he smiles. "And we mustn't call him Floppity any more. He's Champion something of Nuchter!"



"I still think Floppity's a better name for this friendly old thing." "Wait a bit, that's not the end of the story. I've got a card for you!" laughs Rupert. And he hands over the little card.

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Remarkable Swimming By 17-Year-Old Scottish Boy IAN BLACK SMASHES TWO EUROPEAN MEET RECORDS

New Times Set In 400 Metres Freestyle And 200 Metres Butterfly

Budapest, Sept. 2.

A 17-year-old Scottish boy, Ian Black, put up a remarkable showing in the third day of the European swimming championships here today, breaking two records for the championships in two events.

Black had three swims today and appeared to be completely tireless. In the morning, with a time of 4 minutes, 28.9 seconds, he cracked the championship 400 metres freestyle record. (The previous record was held by France's Alex Jany with 4 minutes, 35.2 seconds).

In the afternoon, Black broke the championship record for the 200 metres butterfly stroke when he clocked 2 minutes, 21.3 seconds. (Hungary held the record in 2 minutes, 22.2 seconds).

The Scottish lad then put up an excellent performance in the four times 200 metres relay race and was chiefly responsible for qualifying the British team for the final.

Black told an A.P. correspondent this evening that he

did not like the butterfly stroke and would probably not swim in the final of this event.

"I want to keep all my reserves for the 400 metres freestyle final, where I have a tough opponent in the Russian Mikhlin," he explained.

Black's brilliant performances, all three set up in preliminary heats, somewhat put into the shade the day's two finals—the men's springboard diving and the women's 200 metres breaststroke.

Manchester United To Abide By FA Decision

London, Sept. 2. The Board of Directors of the Manchester United Football Club decided to accept the English Football Association's decision against the club's participation in this season's European Football Cup.

Manchester United, the team that dominated the Munich air disaster last winter, had been invited exceptionally by the organisers to take part in this season's European Cup, although they had not qualified in the normal way by winning the national first division championship last season.

The English Football Association had changed their minds several times on the question of whether Manchester United should play in the European Cup or not. Last Saturday, the Association's consultative committee finally decided against participation and the Club's Board of Directors decided to abide by this decision after a two-hour meeting today. —France-Press.

Exciting Race

The latter was a very exciting race. All three medal winners smashed the Championship record.

Ada Den Hasan, Holland's world record holder, who equalled the record in heats yesterday, led all the way to win in 2 mins. 52 secs. She eclipsed nearly three records of the previous best of 2:54.9 by West Germany's Ursula Happe.

Half a length behind, came Britain's Anita Lonsbrough in 2:53.5, and third was Wilfrid Urschman, of West Germany, in 2:53.8.

Came From Behind

The only other final decided today was the men's springboard diving event, won by Laszlo Ujvary, of Hungary, who after lying third at the end of the semi-finals, came from behind to clinch the title with his last dive.

The scored 141.17 points. Silver medalist Boos Rosenfeld, of West Germany, had 139.77 and third was Horst Brenner, of Russia, with 139.39.

Russia set a championship record in the men's 4 x 200 metres free style relay heat with a time of 8 mins 37.3 secs. The previous record of 8:47.1 was set by Hungary in 1954. —France-Press and Reuter.

INDIA WANTS TO KNOW HOW SOUTH CHINA MANAGED TO ENTER BOMBAY

New Delhi, Sept. 2. The Indian Government is enquiring into how the South China football team from Hongkong obtained Indian transit visas enabling them to land in Bombay, official sources said here tonight.

The team landed on Saturday, after touring Mauritius and Madagascar, expecting to stage matches against Indian teams in Bombay and Calcutta on invitations from the All-India Football Federation. The Government refused to allow the matches.

NATIONALIST PASSPORT

Official sources said it had been found that at least nine members of the team had Chinese Nationalist passports and had represented Formosa at the recent Asian Games.

Because India recognises only the Communist Chinese Government, the holders of Nationalist passports are not normally allowed entry to India.

Officials criticised the All-India Football Federation for inviting the Hongkong team without asking the Government's advice.

Federation appeals to the Government to allow the team to play have been turned down.

According to Bombay reports, the Hongkong Football Association has informed the Indian Federation of its intention to complain to the International Football Federation. —Reuter.

SPORT IS SPORT

Calcutta, Sept. 2. The Hongkong team manager, Mr Ho Yuen-kwong, said emphatically that all his players are from Hongkong, and added that "sport is sport and it is a pity that politics are imported into sport." In reply to the Indian Government's suspicion that the team includes players from Formosa.

Indian Football Association officials made a last effort today to get the Indian government to change its stand, but had no luck, and the Hongkong team will go to Burma tomorrow to play three exhibition games. Four games had been scheduled for India, two each in Bombay and Calcutta.

"The decision causes us a heavy financial loss," said Kwong. "We were guaranteed 22,000 rupees (US\$5,500) for our games here, and worse still, we are very unhappy because we were denied the opportunity to play against India, which has sent teams to Hongkong previously. —France-Press.

(Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, told the China Mail this morning that no action, whatsoever, has been taken by the FIFA with regard to South China's cancelled representation in India and that no decision on the matter can be made until the next Council Meeting of the Association. —Sports Ed.)

Britain's Top Racing Men At Conference



Britain's top racing drivers and the men who make their cars got together last Thursday in London to consider the future of motor racing.

They decided to press for the continuance of the present Formula 1 (two-and-a-half litre) limits when the International Commission on the sports meets in Milan this week.

They rejected the comments of world champion Juan Fangio after Peter Collins was killed in this year's German Grand Prix — that racing cars have become too light and too fast.

Getting together at the meeting are, from left, drivers Stirling Moss, Reg Parnell and Mike Hawthorn. —London Express Photo.

Arrangements For 1958 Colony Lawn Bowls Championships

The following arrangements are made for the closing stages of the Men's pairs semi-final, Ladies' pairs final and Men's singles final events of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association 1958 Colony Championships:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
At Hongkong Cricket Club at 4 p.m.: P. H. Shaw and P. O. Muller (CCC) vs J. Chubb and T. E. Baker (KCC).
At Kowloon Cricket Club at 4 p.m.: L. A. Marques and A. D. Marques (RCC) vs E. G. Barros and P. Lee (CCC).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Ladies' Pairs Final
At Hongkong Cricket Club at 4 p.m.: Mrs S. Silva and Mrs H. Kwong (CCC) vs Mrs M. Min and Mrs D. Baker (KCC).
Men's Singles Final
At Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 4 p.m.: F. R. Korman (KCC) vs L. M. Jennings (RCC) vs A. K. Minu (IRC) or C. Gough (PRC).

U.S. Singles Tennis C'ships Dick Savitt Becomes First American To Enter Quarter-Finals

ONE UPSET IN WOMEN'S DIVISION

By STEVE SNIDER

Forest Hills, Sept. 2.

Big Dick Savitt, 31 year-old businessman, clouted his way into the quarter-finals of the U.S. Tennis Singles Championship today with Ashley Cooper and southpaw Neale Fraser of Australia and Alex Olmedo of Peru.

The eighth-seeded Savitt, hard-pressed all the way, ousted Rod Laver, 20-year-old Australian left-hander, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4, and became the first American to reach the round of eight.

Fraser, seeded fourth in the draw, knocked out Grant Golden of the U.S., 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, and Olmedo, seeded sixth, downed Leslie Longshore of the U.S., 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. Fraser and Olmedo meet in the next round, probably Thursday.

Cooper, the Wimbledon champion, advanced with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Myron (Mike) Frank of the U.S.

Vic Seixas, America's top-ranking player but unseeded in the draw, moved into the fourth round with a comeback victory over Jackie Douglas of the U.S., 4-0, 10-8, 6-4, 6-4.

Only Upset

Kurt Schmidt of Sweden, also a round behind, like Seixas, made the fourth round by downing U.S. Junior champ Eli Buchholz, 10-11, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1, and meto Ham Richardson tomorrow with a berth in the quarter-finals at stake.

The only upset of the long day came in the Women's division when Darlene Hard of the U.S., runner-up at Wimbledon two years ago, eliminated third-

seeded Ann Haydon of Great Britain, 6-0, 10-8, as she led three other girls into the quarter-finals.

Second-seeded Dorothy Head Knodel made it by trouncing Margaret Varner of the U.S., 6-2, 6-3.

Jeanne Arth defeated Katherine Hubbell, 6-1, 6-1, in an all-U.S. match.

Sally Ann Moore, seeded sixth, trounced Mrs Mary Hawton of Australia, 6-0, 6-2, and meets Miss Hard in the next round.

Not Impressive

Neither Savitt nor the Peruvian Olmedo, who has been mentioned as a U.S. Davis Cupper because of his long residence in California, were impressive even in straight set victories.

Fraser won in a breeze against Golden, sticking to the back court except when necessary, while Cooper, seeded second to defending champion Mal Anderson of Australia, was exceptionally sharp against Frank without exerting any effort.

Seixas, who'll next meet Mike Green of Miami before he can get a crack at Cooper, fell victim to a deceptive backhand shot by Douglas but regained his touch in time to hammer out a four-set victory. —U.P.I.

AMERICAN BASEBALL REVIEW Yankees, Milwaukeees Top American, National Leagues By Comfortable Margins

New York, Sept. 2.

Labour Day has come and gone and the old baseball tradition indicating that teams leading the leagues on that day will be the eventual Pennant winners, seems to have little chance of being broken this year.

The Yankees in the American League and Milwaukeees in the National with only 22 games left to play, are leading by comfortable margins.

The New Yorkers have an 11½ lead over second place Chicago, while Fred Hancy's world champions are 7½ games ahead of San Francisco. The Giants leap-frogged over the flailing Pittsburgh Pirates over the week-end to take possession of the runner-up spot.

Mickey Mantle of the Yankees with 37 and Rocky Colavito of Cleveland and Roy Sooders with 34 each, were the home-run leaders in the American League.

Jackie Jensen of the Red Sox lead the RBI department with 110, while Banks held the leadership in the National with 112.

Main Interest

Main interest is now centred in the fight for second place in both major leagues.

In the American League, the Boston Red Sox, who divided the holiday double-header with the flailing Yankees, were only one game behind the White Sox, with the surprising Baltimore Orioles in fourth place, three full games out of third. The annual meeting to make arrangements for the world series has been called for September 9 in Chicago, and will be attended by all teams having a "mathematical chance" of winning. But reservations are already being made in Milwaukee and New York hotels for the big fall classic.

Batting Leadership

Harvey Kuenn of Detroit took over the batting leadership of the American League during the week from Pete Runnels of Boston. Runnels, hitless in 10 trips to the plate against the Yankees yesterday, fell to 321 while Kuenn advanced to 325. In the National League Stan Musial regained the leadership. The Cardinal star is batting .330, followed by Richie Ashburn of Philadelphia with .338 and Hank Aaron of Milwaukee with .337. Willie Mays of the Giants at .336 makes the fourth candidate for top honours in a hot batting race.

Behind Ruth's Mark

Ernie Banks of Chicago, leads both leagues in home runs with 42, but he fell behind the pace set by Babe Ruth in 1927, the year he set the mark of 60 homers in one season. Banks did not hit one all week.

Standings

The standings after the double-headers of Labour Day, September 1, 1958 were:—

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| | Win | Lost | Pct. |
| New York | 51 | 31 | .619 |
| Chicago | 49 | 32 | .605 |
| Boston | 47 | 35 | .573 |
| Baltimore | 46 | 36 | .563 |
| Detroit | 43 | 40 | .519 |
| Cleveland | 44 | 39 | .525 |
| Kansas City | 39 | 44 | .475 |
| Washington | 34 | 49 | .410 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| | Win | Lost | Pct. |
| Milwaukee | 48 | 34 | .589 |
| San Francisco | 47 | 35 | .573 |
| Pittsburgh | 46 | 36 | .563 |
| Cincinnati | 45 | 37 | .553 |
| St. Louis | 42 | 40 | .514 |
| Los Angeles | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| Chicago | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| Philadelphia | 38 | 44 | .463 |

—France-Press.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Sept. 2. Results of today's English football matches were:
Division I: Arsenal 1, Burnley 0.
Division II: Bristol City 3, Barnsley 1.
Division III: Brentford 0, Doncaster 1.
Division IV: Southport 1, York City 0.
—Reuter.

VIM AND COLUMBIA WIN FIRST OF THREE PRE-CUP TRIAL RACES

Final Winner To Race Against Sceptre In Yachting Classic

Newport, Sept. 2.

Vim and Columbia won their respective rounds today in the first of three pre-America's Cup race final trial runs off Newport.

Vim, owned by Henry Matthews of Rye, New York, and Columbia, belonging to Henry Sears of Greenwich, Connecticut, beat Easterner and Weatherly, respectively, over a 24-mile windward-leeward course.

WORK-OUT BY SCEPTRE

Another race tomorrow and a third run later this month will determine which of the four yachts will represent the United States in the defence of the America's Cup against the British contender, Sceptre, on September 20.

Today marked the beginning of the final series of pre-Cup

race trials. The Cup committee has until September 13 to decide which yacht will meet the Sceptre in a best-of-seven Cup series.

The Sceptre also worked out today but did not race. It was raced by the Glen, a yacht on loan from a New York club.

The Vim completed today's two-times-around course in three hours 56 and six hundredths minutes compared to 3:59.04 for Easterner, the entry of Chandler Hovey of Boston.

Columbia, racing only against the Weatherly, made the run

in 3:51.20 compared with 3:55.25 against the boat of Arthur Knapp Jr. of Larchmont, New York.

PRESIDENT MAY ATTEND

Actually, Columbia and Weatherly both made better times than the Vim though the boats raced only in pairs. Today's pre-Cup race trial was sailed under fair skies and a nearly calm sea.

At Fort Adams, White House news secretary James Hagerly announced that vacationing President Eisenhower planned to watch at least one of the Cup races. —U.P.I.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



COOK BETTER MEALS



SPORTS PICTORIAL



TOP: Surrey are once again the County cricket championship champions. Picture from the Oval shows Peter May leading the Surrey players into the field after the delay caused by the rain on the final day of their match against Somerset.

The game ended in a draw and gave Surrey the four points that enabled them to clinch the title.—Central Press Photo.

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RIGHT: Corporal Dave Charnley (centre), the British lightweight champion, heads a party of colleagues for a spell of road work at a Royal Engineer's depot near Farnborough.

It is part of his programme of getting fit for his contest next month, after the illness that caused a postponement of two fights, including the one against the Italian holder of the title, Duilio Loi.—Central Press Photo.



TOP AND LEFT: John Dick, mastermarksman of promoted West Ham, took only 50 minutes of English League first division football to open his top division scoring account.

The above photo provides an excellent study of poses and expressions as Dick slams in the winner into the Portsmouth goal.

Photo on the left shows that all goal-keeper Uprichard can do is to stand and stare.



TOP: Snapped at a Chinese dinner given last Thursday by the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association in honour of the visiting Australian swimmers are, from left, Messrs O. R. Sadick (Secretary-General of the HKASA & Olympic Committee), Berge Phillips (Manager of the Australian team), A. de O. Sales (President of HKASA), Jon Konrads and H. Wingler (Hon. Secretary, HKASA).



TOP: Mr Donald Campbell, the world's fastest man on water, is shown here with the Robert Beverley Evans Trophy, awarded to him last week for breaking the world's water speed record.

The trophy, which is a replica of the United Nations building, is for perpetual competition.—Reuterphoto.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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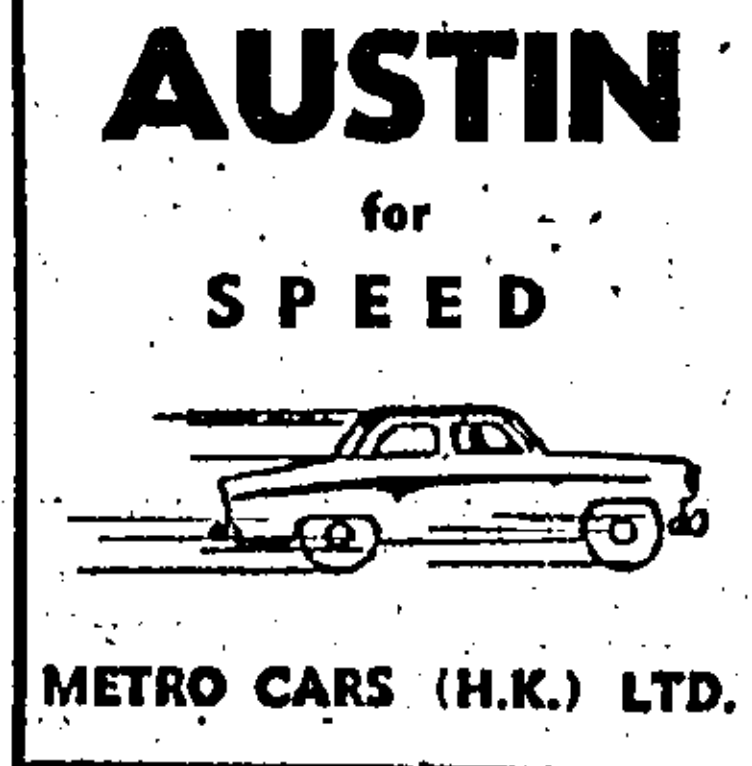
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SALESMAN WHO EMBEZZLED \$2,037 GETS 12 MONTHS' GAOL

A 28-year-old salesman, Wai So, who embezzled \$2,037.20 from his employer, was this morning sentenced to 12 months' gaol by Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy. Sub-Inspector R. Ma, prosecuting, stated that the defendant was employed as a salesman by a man, Fok Kam, proprietor of the Kwong Hing Meat Shop, at 16A Bourington Road, ground floor at a monthly salary of \$80. His job was to collect unsettled accounts from all the debtors.

\$80,000 SCHEME

An \$80,000 building scheme was outlined by Mr S. L. Yue, Authorised Architect, in an exemption application brought before a Tenancy Tribunal this morning. The Tribunal presided over by Mr J. H. G. Way, with Mr F. Grose and Mr A. W. Brown, were hearing an application concerning 65 and 67 Second Street, Hongkong. It is hoped to replace the existing houses with two six-storied blocks of domestic apartments. The joint-owners of the two houses are represented by Mr P. D. Remedios of P. Remedios and Co., Mr Yee Chan-ting, appeared on behalf of both applicants.

At the end of June this year, Fok Kam discovered that 14 outstanding accounts from various shops, totalling \$2,037.20, which were collected by the defendant, had not been delivered to him.

After being questioned, defendant admitted he had used the money and he asked his employer for a chance to pay it back. His employer agreed. Defendant, however, absconded from the shop the next day. Fok Kam reported the matter to the Police on July 15. Defendant was arrested on September 1, at 24 Shing On Village.

Defendant asked for leniency, saying he had a wife, two children, and an aged mother to support.

Boy Injured In Collision

An eleven-year-old boy, Ng Tung-kai, of 19 Ivy Street, sustained injuries when the car in which he was a passenger collided with a double decker bus in Canton Road, near its junction with Arrian Street, at about 12.27 p.m. yesterday. The injured boy was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Two Admitted To Hospital

Two persons were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday following a collision between a Government vehicle and a bus in Leighton Road, near Percival Street, at about 7.20 a.m. The injured are: Ip Shing, aged 29, of No. 4 Third Lane, Tai Hang, ground floor, the driver of the Government vehicle, and Chau Chi-shing, aged 36, of 180 Java Street, first floor, who was a passenger on the bus. The driver of the bus and two other passengers also received slight injuries but were not detained in hospital for treatment.

6.30 Wedding Ceremony



Mr and Mrs Enrique Ledesma seen during their wedding ceremony at St. Joseph's Church at 6.30 this morning. The bride is the former Miss Anna Lourdes Cuaycong, daughter of Mr and Mrs Emilio Cuaycong of Bacolod City, Philippines. The groom is the manager of his family's farm in the southern Philippines and son of Mrs Lourdes Navas de Ledesma and the late Mr Cesar Ledesma also of Bacolod City, Philippines. The Rev. Fr. L. Monzani officiated at the ceremony which was attended by their families and close friends. Mr and Mrs Ledesma will spend their honeymoon in Hongkong.

Colony Hotel Bookings Affected By Island War

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

A number of Hongkong hotels are feeling the effects of the troubles in the Formosa Straits, according to local hoteliers. Worst hit are those which cater in the main for American servicemen.

One hotel manager said this morning, that his hotel was only 50-60 per cent full, when usually around this time of the year it was 70-80 per cent booked.

Another agreed that the Quentony trouble was affecting them "quite badly." He said the hotel usually had a lot of American servicemen, from all Pacific areas, but when the trouble began, many had their leave cancelled, and the hotel was now beginning to feel the pinch.

"At present the hotel is only 50 per cent full while at the same time last year and the year before 85 per cent of our rooms were taken."

A THEORY
Most of the hotels were in agreement that the bombardment of Quentony was adversely affecting tourist traffic, some more than others.

Major H.F. Stanley, of the Hongkong Tourist Association put forward this theory. He said it could have begun with the American recession. The lesser well-off tourists who had planned trips to the Far East, may be using the troubles as an excuse to call trips off and cancel bookings. Thus the cheaper hotels are feeling the pinch.

But on the other hand, the more expensive hotels were little affected, because the richer of the tourists were not so easily put off, and continued to come in spite of the trouble.

And the Peninsula and the Gloucester hotels in fact report that there have been few cancellations, at least not more than usual.

THE FACTS ABOUT HK'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY
A NUMBER of British manufacturers and trade associations will shortly receive a pamphlet from Hongkong presenting the facts about the textile industry relative to the current dispute with Lancashire.

This is part of a campaign by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to combat attacks made by various Lancashire spokesmen on the local industry. It is less than eight pages and the arguments used are familiar to most readers but this pamphlet will certainly be read with great interest by many in Britain who have probably been following the battle in the newspaper columns without having an opportunity to read so comprehensively and yet succinctly the case for Hongkong.

What I like about this publication is the restraint and dignity with which the facts that have been presented. Many in Hongkong will feel the Chamber should have been a little more aggressive but as the pamphlet is intended for circulation in Britain it would be wrong to assume at the outset that those who will read it care more for a remote British colony on the coast of China than for a home industry. "Hongkong and its Textile Industry," as it is entitled, does not conceal our weak spots. Here is what it says — and this illustrates most effectively the

quality of restraint that I have mentioned — about that vexed question of working hours: "Hongkong has been accused of employing 'sweated' labour. At least three quarters of all cloth shipped to the United Kingdom from Hongkong is spun and woven in the 19 (principal) mills. Nine of these work three eight-hour shifts and the rest two twelve-hour shifts, including overtime. Conditions in the remainder of the industry are admittedly less satisfactory and it is hoped that they can be improved. The nature of them is such that it will be far from easy to devise appropriate legislation which will be practically enforceable but as shown above their output represents a relatively small proportion of the whole and does not materially affect the present issue.

The Chinese worker is industrious and thrifty. He hopes to become independent — to get into business for himself. He is ever anxious to earn more, and prefers to work overtime rather than to have more time off for recreation. He would object to limitations that might deprive him of opportunity to add to his pay."

One criticism: It is a pity that this pamphlet was not produced six months ago when the Press controversy was at its height, produced, that is, and circulated. It would have been read with even greater interest then — R.H.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED THEFT, DISCHARGED

A White Russian woman, Topuchko, alias Yu Ching-ho, 39, accused of attempted theft before Mr B. M. J. Jennings was discharged at Central Court this morning when she was given the benefit of doubt.

Topuchko (the only name given in court), residing at the North Point Refugee Camp, pleaded not guilty to attempted stealing of \$8 from Mr Peter Wang at the Ruttonjee Sanatorium, Wanchai, on August 13.

Following evidence adduced by the Prosecution, the Magistrate found that the defendant had not gone to far "as to have made up her mind to remove the wallet from Mr Wang's drawer."

"I would give her the benefit of doubt," His Worship remarked. "The defendant is discharged."

Earlier, Sister U. A. Geary, of the Ruttonjee Sanatorium, testified that at 11.10 a.m. on August 13, she made a check around the quarters.

As she reached the upper floor of the Nurses Home Annex, she caught sight of a woman's head which was covered with a handkerchief.

The woman at that time was going down the stairs. Minutes later, witness went into the Male Nurses Annex, finding the door of the first room, which belonged to Mr Wang open, she went up and saw defendant standing in front of a chest-of-drawers.

The top drawer was open, witness added, and defendant was holding a wallet in one hand and was taking money out of it.

Witness said that she next saw defendant, but the money back in the wallet, the wallet back in the drawer and closed the drawer. Defendant then hurried away.

Under cross-examination, witness maintained that defendant had held the wallet in her hand. Defendant stated that she was on the verandah all the time and had no wallet in her hand.

Inspector H. C. Chiu, prosecuting, was heard.

"Hopeless Case" Gets Eight Months' Gaol

A "hopeless case" of juvenile delinquency came before the Court at Central this morning and the Magistrate, Mr Hin-shing Lo, sentenced the 17-year-old boy with a long police record to eight months' hard labour "to protect society from the likes of his kind."

As he was sending the boy to gaol, Mr Hin-shing Lo remarked that the purpose of corrective punishment in a prison sentence lost its meaning in this case.

The 17-year-old youth was sentenced to two months, with the alternative of a \$500 fine for breach of a bond and six months, in addition, for being a member of a triad society. He pleaded guilty to these two counts.

Involved
Inspector C. Pope said the boy had "rather an involved record" which started while he was about 13 years of age. Since then he had been imprisoned for picking pockets, snatching, simple larceny, being a member of triad society, and twice for escaping from legal detention.

The boy, according to Inspector Pope, was arrested on May 28 at No. 4 Water Street, second floor. His arrest, together with 13 other youths, followed numerous complaints from theatres in Western district for ticket snatching.

Whilst in detention he admitted that he joined the Wo Sing Tong triad society about four years ago as he was living in Homantin Village.

He had paid the \$30.00 initiation fees and \$10 "lucky money" to his protector. Though he had been an active member in this society, he had never risen above the status of 49 — commonly known as lowest in the "other ranks."

He admitted that ticket snatching had not been so profitable and had changed his "profession" to a pickpocket.

Bound Over
Continuing, Inspector Pope said the defendant was first arrested in August, 1956, in connection with his illegal activities. He was then bound over in \$500 for three years and placed under Police supervision for 24 months.

Then in October the same year he was found guilty in a Juvenile Court of theft. He escaped from the Juvenile Reformatory Home. About two months later, on December 10 that same year, he was arrested and again remanded in the Home. He escaped for the second time two days afterwards.

When he was eventually arrested sometime later he was charged with five counts, including two for the escapes, and one for causing bodily harm. He was then sentenced to the Juvenile Training Centre for three years. However, his prison sentence was commuted to six months in gaol.

Since then, added Inspector Pope, he had committed other offences.

"This boy has a rather involved record," Inspector Pope added. He said that Lee succeeded in proving his claim of Hongkong birth.

Addressing the boy, Mr Hin-shing Lo said: "You are the worst case of youth delinquency I have ever come across. I think you are a hopeless case."

Mr Lo remarked that since he could not send the youth to the Training Centre or bind him over for good behaviour — since all these had been levied before, the boy's record compelled the Court to do something which it was not keen to do and that was to send the youth to gaol.

Disgraceful
"You've got a bad record notwithstanding your age," Mr Hin-shing Lo said to the boy. "I will not send you to gaol in order to correct you, because you can't be corrected," he said. "But I will send you to gaol to protect the society from the likes of your kind."

And to the boy's mother, Mr Lo said: "I am sorry you have brought into this world such a disgraceful son."

U.S. Army Secretary Leaves

MR Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the U.S. Army, left Hongkong this morning for U.S. Military aircraft for Saigon after a two-day visit. Mr Brucker is at present in the course of a Far Eastern tour, visiting American troops and installations.

He was accompanied by his wife, and a party of five Defence Department officers. Among the officers travelling with the Secretary were Mr Robert Dechert, General Counsel, Department of Defence, and Mrs Dechert, Col. B.F. Taylor, Executive Officer to the Secretary, Lt-Col. John K. Ensey and Lt-Col. G.M. Seligson, Military Assistant, and Capt. John R. Davies, A.D.C.

The U.S. Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr James B. Picher, and Mrs Picher were at Kai Tak to see the Secretary off, with Mrs James Sisco, wife of the U.S. Army Liaison Officer in Hongkong, and Major B. Cashman, Acting U.S. Army Liaison Officer.

From the Files 25 years AGO

WEARY, ragged and worn by the anxiety of prolonged captivity, but showing the true British spirit of cheerfulness, the three officers of the B & S ship Nanching have arrived safely at Yinkow. Since their vessel was pirated off Newchwang on March 28 they have been in the hands of bandits held for ransom with a threat of death hanging over their heads and moved from place to place, ashore and afloat.

Two assistants at a native bank at Bonham Strand East are said to be missing from their posts, and investigations have, it is alleged, revealed the disappearance of funds amounting to almost \$72,000. According to a report made to the Police by the Bank the two men went out on Thursday afternoon to pay this big sum into a foreign bank. When their absence became unduly prolonged, investigations were made at the foreign bank when it was found that the money had not been paid in. Both men are being sought by the Police.

At St John's Cathedral the wedding was quietly solemnised between Dr Kenneth H. Utley and Miss Helen M. Mahy, two popular members of the Hongkong Government Medical Department. The bride entered the Cathedral on the arm of Mr Basil H. Church by whom she was given away, Mrs Deryl Church, being Macon of Honour. The Rev. E. C. H. Tibbick attended the bridegroom as best man.

Lord Grey, former British Foreign Secretary who retired from politics in 1924, died.

WITH civil strife scarcely over in Szechuan, comes alarming news that Tibetan raiders are again invading Sikang. Apparently taking advantage of the absence of the Chinese forces which have been withdrawn to West Szechuan to participate in internecine war, the Tibetans are pressing hard on Chang-tzu, a city to the west of the Kin-shaking River, where the small Chinese Garrison cannot be expected to hold out very long against overwhelming odds.

Old Hongkong, quoting from a Hongkong Times editorial of 1874, says: "Doubtless it is owing to the peculiar formation of the city that there are more sedan chairs in Hongkong than may be found in any other port, but we think the attempt to replace the chairs by jin-rickshaws may not be crowned with success. The introduction should be undertaken by a company — a Chinese one — the best as having a thorough knowledge of the chair system and its bearings — and we are sanguine that the returns would speedily recoup any outlay that may have been gone into." Comments "Colonial," author of the "Old Hongkong" column: As we know, the new vehicle "caught on," so that restriction in numbers had eventually to be introduced.

It is announced that the Hongkong Philharmonic Society have decided to stage "The Pirates of Penzance" in the spring as their 1954 production.

A report received in Riga from Moscow says that the diary of the murdered Tsar Nicholas II, has been found at Suzdal, former Ekaterinburg. The last entries in the diary were evidently made only a few hours before the Imperial Family was killed.

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